

URBAN DISTRICT OF SHEPTON MALLET



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

(including the Report of the Public Health Inspector)

FOR THE YEAR

1968

SHEPTON MALLET URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

M E D I C A L O F F I C E R O F H E A L T H

(including the report of the

Senior Public Health Inspector)

for the year ending 31st December, 1968

Council Offices,

Market Place,

Shepton Mallet.



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SHEPTON MALLET URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS - 1968

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Medical Officer of Health

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Senior Public Health Inspector

W.L. Barnsley, C.Eng., F.I. Mun.E., M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Certificated Meat and Foods Inspector

(also Surveyor to the Council)

Additional Public Health Inspector

G.T. Hill, M.A.P.H.I.

Clerical Staff

Medical Officers' Clerks - Mrs. M.A. Paton

Public Health Inspector's Clerks - Mrs. M. Rossiter (to June 20th)
Mr. W. Gibbon (to 25th May)
Miss J. Connock (from 1st June)
Mr. R. Gulliford (1st July)

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF SHEPTON MALLET
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER, 1968

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To the Chairman and Members of the Council

Mr. Chairman, Miss Hill and Gentlemen,

I beg to present the Annual Report for 1968 prepared in accordance with Circular 1/69 dated January 1969 of the new Department of Health and Social Security which took office in November of that year.

In respect of the health statistics, it is a pleasure to report that the Corrected Birth Rate was better than the County or National averages, there were no still births or maternal deaths and there was no infant mortality for the third year running. Cases of notifiable disease were confined to measles and there were no outbreaks of major infectious disease. All these figures reflect the high standard of the medical practitioner services in the area.

On the environmental side the problems were as clearly detailed by the Senior Public Health Inspector in his Report, particularly in relation to the refuse tip and the main outfall sewer.

I am grateful to Mr. Barnsley and his staff for their co-operation and to the Clerk, other Officers of the Council and Members of the Council for their consideration and support.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

D. E. CLARE.
Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of District (in acres)	2,278
Estimated Population (mid-year 1968)	5,640
Number of inhabited houses	1,952
Rateable Value	£230,988
Product of a Penny Rate	£847

MAIN VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1968

(With comparative figures for Somerset and England & Wales where available)

BIRTHS

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Shepton Mallet U.D.C.</u>		<u>Somerset</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
				<u>Recorded</u>	<u>Corrected</u>		<u>(Provisional)</u>
Legitimate	41	46	87			8305	
Illegitimate	4	3	7			561	
	<u>45</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>94</u>			<u>8866</u>	819,275
Rate per 1,000 population				16.7	17.5	16.9	16.9
(Area Births Comparability Factor 1.05)						(Corrected)	
Ratio of local corrected birth rate to national rate						1.04	

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS

(per cent of total live births) 4.5 6.3

STILL BIRTHS

Legitimate	-	-	-				
Illegitimate	-	-	-				
Totals	-	-	-			126	11,847
Rate per 1,000 live & still births				NIL		13.83	14.0

TOTAL LIVE & STILL BIRTHS

45 49 94 8992 831,122

DEATHS

TOTAL DEATHS

(all ages)	38	45	83			7531	576,601
Rate per 1,000 population				14.7	12.6	10.9	11.9
(Area Deaths Comparability Factor 0.86)						(Corrected)	
Ratio of local corrected death rate to national rate						1.06	

INFANT DEATHS

(under 1 year)

Legitimate	-	-	-			127	
Illegitimate	-	-	-			12	
Totals	-	-	-			<u>139</u>	14,952

(under 4 weeks)

Legitimate	-	-	-				
Illegitimate	-	-	-				
	-	-	-			99	10,100
Legitimate	-	-	-				
Illegitimate	-	-	-				
Totals	-	-	-			83	8,600

MAIN VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1968 (CONTD)

<u>M</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Shepton Mallet U.D.C.</u> <u>Recorded</u>	<u>Corrected</u>	<u>Somerset</u>	<u>England &</u> <u>Wales</u> (Provisional)
<u>INFANT MORTALITY RATES</u>						
Total Infant deaths per 1,000						
total live births			NIL		15.6	18.0
Legitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000						
legitimate live births			NIL		15.29	
Illegitimate Infant Deaths per						
1,000 illegitimate live births			NIL		21.39	
<u>NEONATAL MORTALITY RATES</u>						
(deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000						
total live births			NIL		11.02	12.3
<u>EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE</u>						
(deaths under 1 week per 1,000						
total live births)			NIL		9.3	10.5
<u>PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE</u>						
(Still births & deaths under 1 week						
combined per 1,000 live & still births)			NIL		23.24	25.0
<u>MATERNAL MORTALITY (Including abortion)</u>						
Number of deaths			NIL		1	
Rate per 1,000 total live & still births			NIL		0.11	

CERTAIN VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD 1964-1968

WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR SOMERSET AND ENGLAND AND WALES

	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
1. <u>Corrected Birth Rate</u>					
Shepton Mallet U.D.C.	16.3	17.5	16.42	17.2	17.5
Somerset	16.86	16.76	17.86	17.7	16.9
England & Wales	18.4	18.0	17.7	17.2	16.9
2. <u>Corrected Death Rate</u>					
Shepton Mallet U.D.C.	10.52	11.25	10.14	10.1	12.6
Somerset	10.62	10.18	10.37	10.1	10.9
England & Wales	11.3	11.5	11.7	11.2	11.9
3. <u>Infant Mortality Rate</u>					
Shepton Mallet U.D.C.	-	31.9	-	-	-
Somerset	13.0	10.75	15.12	14.0	15.6
England & Wales	20.0	19.0	19.0	18.3	18.0

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES
(5 year period 1964-1968)

Disease	<u>Total Cases Notified</u>				
	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>
Acute Primary Pneumonia	-	1	-	-	-
Dysentery (Sonne)	10	-	-	-	-
Measles	19	52	-	16	60
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	1	-	-
Febrile Pyrexia	-	3	-	1	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	2	-	-
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	1	-	-	1	-
Whooping Cough	12	-	-	6	-
Totals	42	56	3	24	60

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1968
(As given by the Registrar-General)

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total all ages	Under 4 wks 4 wks year	4 wks & under 1 year	Age in Years									
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & upwards	
Malignant Neoplasm	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
- Stomach	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Malignant Neoplasm	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	
- Lung, Bronchus	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Malignant Neoplasm														
- Uterus	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	
Other Malignant	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	-	
Neoplasms etc.	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	
Diabetes Mellitus	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
Mental Disorders	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Other Diseases of the	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
Nervous System	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Chronic Rheumatic	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	
Heart Disease	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Hypertensive Disease	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Ischaemic Heart	M	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	2	
Disease	F	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	4	
Other Forms of Heart	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	
Disease	F	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	6	
Cerebrovascular	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	
Disease	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	
Other Diseases of	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	
Circulatory System	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	
Influenza	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Pneumonia	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	
Bronchitis & Emphysema	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	
Peptic Ulcer	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Hyperplasia of Prostate	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Other Diseases, Genito-	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Urinary System	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	

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CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total all ages	Under 4 wks 4 wks under 1 year	Age in Years										
				1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & upwa		
Diseases of skin, cutaneous Tissue	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Symptoms & other ill-	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
defined conditions	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	3	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	
All other accidents	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Total all causes	M	38	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	3	9	14	10	
	F	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	8	30	

MASS RADIOGRAPHY SERVICE

Owing to the low average number of G.P. referred patients examined and also to the consistently poor public response, the fortnightly visits by the Mass Radiography Unit were discontinued at the end of September. The figures given below are therefore for the period up to that date. The number of General Practitioner cases attending was 14.

	Male	Female	Total
Number examined	49	60	109
Abnormalities detected	1	2	3

DETAILS OF ABNORMALITIES DETECTED

	Male	Female	Total
Enlarged Heart	1	1	2
Sarcoidosis	-	1	1

NOTES ON VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1968

(The figures are in general too small for much importance to be attached to them but certain broad statements can be made.)

Population

A drop in population of 200 from the mid-year population of 1967 was estimated by the Registrar-General. Live births exceeded deaths by 25.

Births

Live Births totalled 1 less than in the previous year but due to a lowered estimated population a raised Corrected Birth Rate is obtained better than the County and National figures. The number of illegitimate births (7) remains the same, but the percentage of them is lower than the County average.

Still Births - It is a pleasure to record that there were none.

Deaths

All Ages - deaths rose by 13 over the 1967 total, giving a Corrected Death Rate higher than the County or National averages. It is interesting to note that, apart from deaths by accident, none occurred under the age of 45 years.

Infant Mortality - It is a pleasure to record that, as in the case of the last 2 years, there were no infant deaths.

Maternal Mortality - Once again no women died in the District as a result of pregnancy, childbirth or abortion.

Causes of Death

Diseases of the Cardio-Vascular and Cerebrovascular Systems once more accounted for the greatest number of deaths in the District (41). Of these, Chronic Rheumatic and other heart diseases caused 29 deaths and Cerebrovascular Diseases 6.

Cancer deaths took second place with 16 deaths - 5 more than in the previous year. As regards site, it will be seen that lung was the site in 3 cases, uterus in 2 and stomach in 1 case.

Accidents caused 4 deaths, 3 involving a motor vehicle.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Only 60 cases of measles occurred in the town during the year.

ANNUAL RETURN OF
FOOD POISONING AND HUMAN SALMONELLA INFECTIONS

No food poisoning cases were notified but Salmonella typhimurium was reported in an infant returning from a holiday with his parents in a chalet camp in Cornwall. Enquiries in the town and at the Holiday Camp failed to reveal the source of this isolated infection.

MILK AND DAIRIES (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1959

No reports were received of brucellosis infection in dairy herds.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 (SEC.47) & AMENDMENT ACT, 1951

No cases came to light needing action under the above Act.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

1968

Mr. Chairman, Miss Hill and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Twelfth Annual Report on the work of the Public Health Section of my Department during the year 1968. Once again, staff changes have taken place in that Mrs. Rossiter, Clerk/Typist, left the service on June, 20th and Mr. Wesley Gibben, Junior Clerk, transferred to an appointment in the Engineer's Department of the Lee Conservancy Board on May, 25th. Their places were taken by Miss J. Connock and Mr. R. Gulliford respectively.

Probably the two most notable events of the year were the refusal of the Somerset River Authority to permit the construction of a storm-water overflow and the main outfall sewer and the serious flooding which occurred during July. Both matters are referred to in greater detail in the appropriate sections of this report.

I would again express my thanks to the Members of the Council for their continued support and the Medical Officer of Health for his co-operation. To my own staff and all other Officers of the Council my thanks are also due for their assistance.

I am, Miss Hill and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W.L. BARNESLEY

Senior Public Health Inspector

1. WATER SUPPLY

(a) The public supply of water is obtained from the mains of the Bristol Waterworks Company there being four principal sources:-

- | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Windsor Hill | 2. Yelling Mill |
| 3. Beacon Hill | 4. Stomacher Farm |

The water supplied is not liable to plumbo-solvent action and two samples submitted for qualitative examination proved satisfactory. No shortages occurred during the year and no restrictions on the use of water was imposed.

The natural Fluoride Content of the water was as follows:-

	p.p.m.
Windsor Hill	0.02
Yelling Mill	0.05
Beacon Hill	0.30
Stomacher Farm	0.10

The distribution of water supplies throughout the district is, so far as can be ascertained, as follows:-

- (a) Main supplies: 2,012 dwelling: Population: 5,640
- (b) Supplies from wells or springs: 7 population: 20

(b) Charlton Water Supply. As a result of the continuing unsatisfactory condition of the spring supply in the Charlton area the Council authorised the extension of the mains of the Bristol Waterworks Company to serve the properties affected at an estimated cost of £3,114.

2. SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

(a) With the exception of some 70 properties in outlying parts of the area all properties are connected to public sewers discharging to the biological treatment plant at Darshill. Treatment of sewage is effected by (a) initial screening; (b) sedimentation (c) filtration. Alternating double filtration is, under general conditions, operating continuously, each set of filters acting alternately as primary and secondary filters.

During the year a start was made on the construction of additional drying beds for humus sludge. It is quite evident that the re-circulation of this sludge causes over a period of time a marked deterioration in the quality of the effluent. Apart from this factor alternating double

filtration works well provided that the change over from primary to secondary takes place at regular intervals.

Fifty samples of sewage for chemical analysis were taken during the year as follows:

Trade Effluent	13
Crude Sewage	13
Primary Effluent.....	12
Final Effluent	12

Sampling is carried out on one day per month starting at 7 a.m. and finishing at 6 p.m. - one quarter gallon being taken at half-hourly intervals. The samples are taken for analysis on the following day to the County Laboratory at Taunton.

(b) Main Outfall Sewer. The Council's Consulting Engineers prepared a scheme for the reconstruction of the main outfall sewer from Bowlish to the treatment works which involved an increase in the capacity of the sewer and the construction of a stormwater relief chamber. The scheme also includes measures to prevent the serious surcharge which occurs at the junction of Coombe Lane and Wells Road during heavy rain. The Somerset River Authority however refused its consent in respect of the stormwater relief chamber because of the possibility of pollution of a spring supply of drinking water which is in close proximity to the River Sheppey. The spring water collecting chamber is provided with an overflow and in flood conditions this overflow is submerged by river water. The River Authority maintain that the river would be contaminated by overflow from the stormwater relief chamber and would thereby pollute the spring water in the collecting chamber.

Because of the increased capacity of the new sewer it is contended that the stormwater relief would only operate in times of exceptionally intense storms. Furthermore it must be acknowledged that the river is already polluted from many sources and the water therein cannot be regarded as potable. Indeed, frequent surcharge of the existing sewer in addition to its known unsatisfactory condition causes direct pollution of the river. It follows that if pollution of the spring supply will occur it must be occurring to a greater degree under present conditions. After some delay the matter was still under discussion at the end of the year.

Further investigations with regard to the ingress of surface water into the sewer were carried out and it is intended to expose a section

in the Charlton area to determine and, if possible, seal off one source. It is known that considerable volume of surface water and ground water gains access to the soil sewer in this locality.

(c) Flood Conditions. Serious flooding occurred in some parts of the district during the 10th/11th July notably in the Leg Square, Draycott, Bodden Lane, Berryman Close and Bowlish areas. The most serious arose from the breach which occurred in the river wall at Leg Square and the inability of river culverts to accommodate the storm water with the result that Leg Square, Longbridge, Lower Lane and Draycott were flooded to a depth of several feet.

3. PUBLIC CLEANSING

A weekly collection of domestic refuse is in operation and trade refuse is collected twice weekly. The increase in the volume of refuse collected continues and the type of refuse now being disposed of is creating difficulties in adequate control of the tip. There can be no doubt that mechanical handling of the refuse is becoming a necessity and the Council will be asked to provide the minimum of equipment. The supply of sufficient covering material is essential and such material can be bought at high cost but with suitable machinery suitable material can be obtained from the older tipping areas. Arising from the lack of covering material a serious fly nuisance occurred during the year to combat which large quantities of insecticide spray were used but it was evident that the type of spray has to be changed fairly frequently because of the immunity acquired to a single type.

The view is still held that a paper sack refuse collection pilot scheme should be introduced to relieve the pressure on the service.

4. CAMPING SITES

There are two camping sites in the District sponsored by the Caravan Club both of which are conducted satisfactorily.

5. SWIMMING POOL

There is one public swimming pool in the district owned by the Council. The water is continually circulated, filtered and chlorinated and its temperature is maintained at about 70°F. Chlorination is effected by a Wallace and Tiernan Automatic Chlorinator and the purification plant is of the Horsley Piggott horizontal type. The water turnover period is approximately 12 hours the pool being filled at the beginning of the season from the mains of the Bristol Waterworks Company. During the season the water is sampled twice daily to determine its PH value and

residual chlorine by Lovibond Comparitor.

The introduction of the basket system for clothes storage introduced last year is working well but there is an undoubted need for additional changing cubicles. The ladies' cubicles are far from satisfactory and must either be extensively repaired or preferably rebuilt on a new site. The filter is of some age and will have to be renewed in the near future.

6. HOUSING

(a)	Number of dwellings owned by Local Authority	645
	Number of dwellings owned privately	1367
	Total number of dwellings in district	2012
	Number of Local Authority houses erected	Nil
	Number of Old Peoples Dwellings erected	Nil
	Number of Private houses erected	68
	Dwellings in course of erection - Local Authority	Nil
	Dwellings in course of erection - Private	54
	Houses closed or demolished under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957	Nil
	Houses erected from 1.4.45 to 31.12.68	
	Local Authority	519
	Private Enterprise	275

(b) Housing Maintenance. All Council owned houses are maintained by direct labour.

(c) Improvement Grants

(i) Discretionary Grants

2 applications for discretionary grants were received and approved during the year.

(ii) Standard Grants

2 applications were received and approved for the provision of standard amenities.

7. FOOD

(a) Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960. There were 8 visits to food premises during the year and in three instances attention was drawn to infringements of the Regulations.

The following table shows in categories the number of premises which are subject to the Regulations and to which Regulations 16 and 19 apply:-

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

Trade	No. of Premises	No. complying With Reg. 16	No. of premises to which Reg. 19 applies	No. of Premises fitted to comply with Reg. 19
Grocers	11	11	11	11
Bakers	4	4	4	4
Confectioners	4	4	3	3
Greengrocers	3	3	3	3
Butchers	4	4	4	4
Catering	30	30	30	30
Premises (including licensed premises)				
Fishmongers	1	1	1	1
School Kitchens	3	3	3	3
TOTALS	60	60	59	59

(b) Unsound Food. The following foodstuffs were surrendered voluntary as unfit for human consumption:-

Tinned meat and fish.- 3 quarters 1 stone 12lbs 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz.
 Meat and meat products.- 1 stone 13lbs 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ ozs.
 Tinned foodstuffs:- 5cwts 3 quarters 1 stone 10lbs 4 $\frac{5}{8}$ ozs.
 Other foods:- 13 cwts 1 quarter 1 stone 4lbs 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ ozs.

Total: 1 ton 3 quarters, 13lbs 11oz.

All unsound food delivered to or collected by Council staff is disposed of by burying at the Refuse Tip.

(c) Milk Supplies.

No. of registered distributors 8

No of registered dairy premises (excl. farms) 8

The sampling of milk is carried out by the Somerset County Council.

(d) Ice Cream.

No. of registered Premises 21

No. of manufacturers Nil

No samples were taken for bacteriological examination. In all cases supplies were obtained from well-known manufacturers either wrapped or in cartons.

(e) Slaughterhouses

There are none in operation in the District

(f) Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regs. 1963

An egg pasteurisation plant came into operation in August and will necessitate additional duties in connection with sampling of the products. It is evident that improved methods of dealing with waste products will have to be adopted.

(g) Poultry Inspection

No poultry processing premises within the District.

8. OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT

No. of premises registered - 82

The survey of registered premises was continued during the year and of the 5 inspected work to comply with the Act was required at all 5, 6 other visits were made for advice.

Part I of the Act

(i) Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health

Premises	No on Register	Inspections	No of written notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities *	25	4	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	33	8	2	-
(3) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority * (excluding out-workers' premises)	1	1	-	-
Totals	59	13	2	7

(ii) Cases in which defects were found - Two.Part VIII of the ActOUTWORK

Nature of Work	Section 110	Section 111		Notices served	Prosecutions
	No of outworkers in August list reqd. by Sec.110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	
Wearing Apparel: Making Etc.	14	-	-	-	-
Cleaning Washing	-	-	-	-	-

10. CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

No action was necessary during the year.

11. KNACKERS YARD

There are none in the District.

12. RODENT CONTROL

During the year 32 premises were treated for infestation by rats or mice. Public sewers throughout the District were again tested followed by a poison treatment and takes were recorded.

13. VISITS

During the year the following visits were made:-

Public Health Act

Nuisances	68
Caravans	11
Drain Tests	83
Building Regulations	319
Water Supplies	56
Disinfestations	1
General	72

Housing Acts.

Council houses and estates	629
Improvement Grants	9
Unfit Houses	26

Clean Air Act	-
Petroleum Regulations	20

Food and Drugs Acts

Inspections	8
Unsound Food	35

Factories Act	13
Town Planning	68

Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act	11
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Street Lighting	75
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Highways	270
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Refuse Disposal and Collection	81
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Rodent Control	10
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Sewers and sewage disposal	248
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Swimming Pool	62
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Pet Shops	2
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Park	24
Car Park	4
Burial Ground	71
Regal Hall	64
Public Conveniences	4
Miscellaneous	243

In addition 64 meetings were attended and there were 78 interviews on various matters.

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